REMARKS

Claims 45, 46, 48, 49, and 51-65 are presented for examination, of which Claims 45, 48, and 51 are in independent form, and have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Support for these changes is provided in the specification as originally filed, at least in the description of the "Third Embodiment".

Claims 45, 46, 48, 49, and 51-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,228,118 (Sasaki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,580,177 (Gase et al.).

As amended, independent Claim 45 recites an information processing apparatus comprising a determiner adapted to determine a presence or an absence of a printer selected by a user connected to the network by sending an inquiry, and an inquiry circuit adapted to make an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer connected to the network by sending the inquiry about the printer language to the network. The apparatus also comprises a receiver adapted to receive information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry about the printer language. The inquiry circuit and receiver are activated in response to selection of a printer. A displaying circuit displays the information about the printer language supported by the printer in accordance with information received by the receiver.

Sasaki, as understood by Applicants, relates to a printer system wherein one of the printer drivers through which print data is sent from a data processor to a printer is selected based on interpreters available on the printer. Sasaki also refers to displaying an identification number of a selected, compatible printer (i.e., a printer having a compatible

language interpreter), and displaying an alarm message if none of printers LP1, LP2 has a compatible interpreter. *See* col. 10, lines 10-54 of Sasaki.

In the Gase et al. system, printer administration utility 28 enables a file server 16 to indicate to each client processor a list of <u>available</u> printers/plotters found on the network. This is accomplished by each modular I/O card 30 (part of each printer/plotter) periodically "advertises" its (the printer/plotter) availability by the transmission of messages to file server 16. This data is accumulated within file server 16 and enables the generation of display presentation 50 at a client processor. This data is displayed on display screen presentation 50 in response to a user's request to show <u>available</u> printers. From the display screen presentation 50, the user selects a particular printer. Upon selecting the printer, a status box 56 <u>automatically</u> indicates an availability status of the selected printer. The status of the selected printer is indicated by traffic light-like icon 58 which displays either red, yellow, or green lights, depending upon the status of the selected printer and the intervening network (column 4, line 35, to column 5, line 12).

Applicants submit that, even if Sasaki be deemed to refer to displaying a printer identification number or an alarm, and even if Gase et al. be deemed to refer to selecting from available printers, nothing has been found in either Sasaki or Gase et al. that would teach or suggest displaying information <u>about a printer language supported</u> <u>by a printer</u> in accordance with information received by a receiver, as recited in Claim 45. As such, even if those references were to be combined in the manner proposed in the Office Action (which in any event, is not admitted would have been obvious or technically feasible), the resulting combination also would not teach or suggest those features of Claim 45.

Accordingly, Claim 45 is deemed clearly patentable over these two patents, whether taken separately or in the combination proposed in the Office Action.
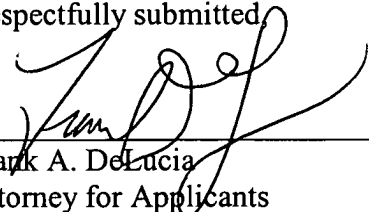
Independent Claims 48 and 51 include the same feature of displaying, as discussed above in connection with Claim 45. Accordingly, Claims 48 and 51 also are believed to be patentable over Sasaki and Gase et al., whether considered separately or in combination, for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 45.

The other rejected claims in this application depend from one or another of the independent claims discussed above, and, therefore, are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, individual reconsideration of the patentability of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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